

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06536-0253

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard MONTALVO et al.

Application No.: 09/988,125

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL
INSTRUMENT

)
)
) Group Art Unit: 3731
)
) Examiner: D. Davis
)
)
)
)

2-24
#13/9
see
DV

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

RECEIVED
FEB 20 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper and begin on page 9 of this paper.

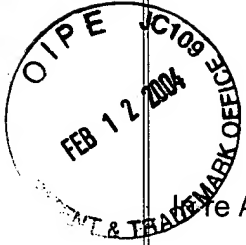
FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

02/17/2004 WARRHAM 00000050 09988125 288.00 DP
01 FC:1202

13731/10

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06530.0253



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

Richard MONTALVO et al.

)
)
) Group Art Unit: 3731

Application No.: 09/988,125

)
) Examiner: D. Davis

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL
INSTRUMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RECEIVED
FEB 20 2004
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of November 21, 2003. The items checked below are appropriate:

☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$_____ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	36	-	20	16	x \$ 18	\$ 288.00
Indep.	3	-	3	0	x \$ 86	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$290	0.00
Subtotal						\$ 288.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0.00
TOTAL						\$ 288.00

☒ A fee of \$288.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

☐ A fee of \$_____ to cover _____ is enclosed.

☒ A check for \$288.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

FINNEGAN
• HENDERSON
FARABOW
• GARRETT &
DUNNER LLP
1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: February 12, 2004

By: 

Leslie I. Bookoff
Reg. No. 38,084

FINNEGAN
HENDERSON
FARABOW
GARRETT &
DUNNER 

1300 I Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005
202.408.4000
Fax 202.408.4400
www.finnegan.com